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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LE, US

SUBJ: CHARGES OF US COMPLICITY IN ISRAELI RAID ON LEBANON

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE, CHARGES OF US COMPLICITY IN ISRAELI APRIL 9 RAID IN LEBANON ARE BEING BROADCAST OVER PALESTINIAN RADIOS AND IN ARAB PRESS, AND IN SOME INSTANCES OVER OFFICIAL ARAB RADIOS. IN SOME CASES THESE CHARGES HAVE BEEN INTERLACED WITH PARTICULARLY NASTY INCITATIONS AGAINST USG AND AMERICAN CITIZENS, AS IN ALGIERS VOICE OF PALESTINE BROADCAST APRIL 10 CALLING ON ARABS TO KILL AMERICANS.
2. ASSUME TEXTS OF THESE BROADCASTS AND OF SIMILAR PRESS ARTICLES ARE AVAILABLE TO POSTS, BUT DEPARTMENT WITH ASSISTANCE FBIS IS COLLATING PERTINENT EXCERPTS AND WILL PROVIDE SHORTLY.
3. YOU SHOULD RAISE THESE BROADCASTS AND ARTICLES WITH HOST GOVERNMENT AT HIGHEST AVAILABLE LEVEL AND SHOULD REITERATE THAT USG HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED CHARGE THAT EMBASSY BEIRUT, OR ANY AGENCY OF US GOVERNMENT, WAS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN OR CONNECTED WITH APRIL 9 ISRAELI RAID, OR THAT ANY ISRAELI PERSONNEL TOOK REFUGE IN EMBASSY BEIRUT. THESE FALSE AND SCURRILOUS CHARGES ARE BEING MADE IN THE EXPRESS INTENTION OF INFLAMING ARAB PUBLIC. INCITATION TO MURDER OR TO ATTACK ON AMERICAN CITIZENS OR PROPERTY IS PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS AND IRRESPONSIBLE AND IS CONSIDERED OUTRAGEOUS BY USG. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT CONTINUED DISSEMINATION OF FALSEHOODS ALLEGING USG ROLE IN ISRAELI RAIDS AND INCITATION AGAINST AMERICANS WILL INEVITABLY HAVE VERY SERIOUS EFFECT ON RELATIONS BETWEEN USG AND ARAB STATES. USG REQUESTS HOST GOVERNMENT TAKE STEPS TO PUT AN END TO THESE TYPES OF BROADCASTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES IMMEDIATELY. WE REALIZE THAT IN SOME CASES THIS MATERIAL IS BEING PUT OUT NOT BY OFFICIAL RADIOS BUT BY CLANDESTINE PALESTINIAN TRANSMITTERS, BUT WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ARAB GOVERNMENTS HAVE IT FULLY WITHIN THEIR POER TO CONTROL THESE BROADCASTS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IN MATTER.

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4. SISCO IS TAPING DENIAL STATEMENT FOR VOA. WE WILL

SEND TEXT SEPTTEL WHICH, IN YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY MAKE AVAILABLE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS.

5. FOR ROME AND BAGHDAD: SOME OF MOST OUTRAGEOUS CHARGES ARE BEING MADE FROM SYRIA AND IRAQ. RECOGNIZE THAT REPRESENTATIONS TO SARG AND GOI NOT LIKELY TO HAVE APPRECIABLE EFFECT BUT BELIEVE THEY SHOULD NONETHELESS BE MADE, IF ONLY TO MAKE CLEAR IRAQIS AND SYRIANS HOW SERIOUSLY WE VIEW MATTER. EMBASSY ROME SHOULD REQUEST FOREIGN MINISTRY TO MAKE REPRESENTATION SOONEST TO SARG ALONG LINES ABOVE PARAGRAPH. USINT BAGHDAD SHOULD DO SAME, IN MANNER IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, WITH GOI.

6. FOR ALGIERS: WE APPRECIATE FACT YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE DEMARCHE AT HAMDANI LEVEL. HOWEVER, WE NOW NOTE ALGIERS DOMESTIC RADIO IS REPEATING ALLEGATION THAT U. S. EMBASSY BEIRUT HAD A HAND IN " PLOT" AGAINST " PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION" AND " LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY". DEPT. CANNOT PERMIT SUCH MISLEADING BROADCASTS GO UNNOTICED AND REQUESTS YOU REITERATE STRONGLY OUR VIEWS THIS SUBJECT TO GOA. ROGERS

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